# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, Larry and Diane Ness are being honored today as Yankton's 2016 Citizens of the Year for their dedicated service to the state of South Dakota and especially to the community of Yankton; and,

***Whereas***, Larry was born to Lidnie and Nadine Ness, was raised near Sinai, graduated from Brookings High School and South Dakota State University, worked in banking and served the South Dakota National Guard and retired as a Major after 24 years of service. Diane was born to Rex and Ruby Leubecher, was raised near Sioux Falls, graduated from Harrisburg High School and South Dakota State University, and worked as a Home Economics teacher. Larry and Diane were married on July 3, 1969, in Sioux Falls; and,

***Whereas***, Larry and Diane are lifelong South Dakotans who have dedicated their service to the betterment of our great state, and the desire to share their talents is most evident through their tireless commitment to volunteerism; and,

***Whereas***, Larry served on the South Dakota Investment Council, South Dakota Gaming Commission, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, South Dakota Rural Enterprise, South Dakota State University Board of Trustees, South Dakota Art Museum Board, Heritage Foundation of South Dakota History Society, National Music Museum Board, Center for Western Studies at Augustana University Board, and South Dakota Bankers Association, serving as President from 1987-1988, and,

***Whereas***, Diane served on the Yankton Area Arts Board and as an Officer for many years, was one of the Founders of the YAAA Summer Arts Festival and served as Chairman for five years, was Honorary Chairman of YAAA Membership Drive in 1990, Yankton High School Booster Club Board Member, Cub Scout Den Leader, and a tireless fundraiser for many other organizations; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many noteworthy accomplishments of Larry and Diane Ness who will continue to support others through their dedicated service:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join their family, friends, and the entire Yankton community in thanking Larry and Diane for their service and in honoring them as Yankton's Citizens of the Year.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State